



**Beverley Rural District Council.**

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health  
Committee of the Beverley Rural District Council.*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As your Medical Officer of Health is on Active Service, I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1915. There has been no serious outbreak of Infectious Disease, and the health of the District has, in my opinion, been particularly good, the sanitary condition is also satisfactory; I therefore have no drastic reports to propose for your consideration.

The area has been systematically visited and inspected, both as a matter of routine and when special occasion demanded; defects have been remedied and advice given. Owing to the Military being in the District, this work has been particularly heavy. Also the clerical work has much increased, due to the new regulations as to the Notification of Births Act, Notification of Measles and German Measles, and to keeping the numerous Registers up to date.

The Dairies, Cowsheds, etc., of the Dairy Farmers are clean and in good order, the white-washing and cleansing required being carried out as directed.

The Births numbered 236, as against 207 for 1914, this being an increase of 29.

The Deaths numbered 123, as against 129 for 1914, this being a decrease of 6.

I enclose Tables, Statistics, etc., required by the Local Government Board.

## DEATHS.

During the year there were 110 deaths of residents in the District. The Death-rate for the year was 9.45 per thousand per annum. (The Deaths which occurred in the East Riding Asylum of non-residents are excluded from this and the following calculations.)

The Monthly Death-rates were:—

January ... 14.4	May ..... 6.1	September... 4.1
February... 17.53	June ..... 4.1	October ..... 4.1
March..... 16.5	July ..... 7.1	November... 9.1
April ..... 13.4	August ..... 6.1	December ... 10.2

The highest being February and the lowest being June and October.

Deaths of persons belonging to the District which occurred in the East Riding Asylum and Institutions outside the District increased the Deaths to 123 and the Death-rate to 10.57 per thousand per annum.

There were 6 Deaths from Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis).

## BIRTHS.

There were 236 Births registered in the District.

The Birth-rate was 20.21 per thousand per annum

The Monthly Birth-rates were:—

January ... 25.8	May ..... 17.53	September... 19.3
February... 9.1	June ..... 24.6	October ..... 17.5
March..... 17.53	July ..... 16.5	November... 21.6
April ..... 23.6	August ..... 23.6	December ... 25.8

The highest being January and December, and the lowest February.

As to the number of illegitimate children included in the above, I am unable to give you any information, as under the new regulations of the Notification of Births Act, the four Registrars of the District no longer supply me with Monthly Returns.

Reports of cases of Infectious Diseases which were received from Head Teachers of Schools included:—

Diphtheria, Chicken Pox, Measles, Mumps, Impetigo and Whooping Cough, owing to the last named, the Cherry Burton School was closed for fourteen days in July.

The Medical Inspection of School Children is performed by the Medical Officer appointed by the County Council.

#### NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of the above totalled 40, an increase of 4 as against last year. The cases may be tabulated as follows:—

Diphtheria .....	9
Scarlet Fever .....	8
Erysipelas .....	10
Enteric Fever .....	1
Tuberculosis .....	12

This list includes 4 Military cases, 3 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Scarlet Fever.

The following Notifications of Diphtheria in the District for the last five years may be of interest.

Cases in 1911 .....	57
Cases in 1912 .....	23
Cases in 1913 .....	7
Cases in 1914 .....	5
Cases in 1915 .....	9

(including 3 Military Cases).

A note from the Local Government Board dated December, 1915, says: "The Board consider that many of the details usually inserted in the Annual Report, such as a description of the District and of the Water Supply, Sewerage and Sewage disposal, etc., may be omitted, and that the Report may be confined to a record of what has taken place during the year."

The following is the Report sent to me by your Surveyor.

The whole of the District is being systematically examined, and during the past 12 months some 713 houses and cottages have been inspected as regards their suitability for habitation, etc. The number of notices served during the past year have been 4 Statutory notices and 60 Informal notices, besides many requests made to owners or occupiers to improve and carry out minor works, and the result of such notices is that with two exceptions all have been complied with, and those two are in hand at present.

During the same period two complaints have been received, and all made good after visiting the site of the complaints. A list of the work carried out is appended at the end of this report.

All houses requiring disinfection are disinfected immediately on receiving notice from the Medical Officer.

In the early part of the year and also in the latter part, this district has been visited by very heavy rains, and at no time during the past 12 months has there been any apparent shortage of water, the water works at SOUTH NEWBALD have like many other similar works had to be postponed for the present.

The drainage work at the East end of the village of Wayne has been completed, and is proving I understand most beneficial to the village.



The Camp at SOUTH DALTON has been completed during the past year, and it has been necessary for the Medical Officer and myself to visit it on many occasions, and has often taken up a considerable portion of our time, looking after the various Sanitary arrangements. The Filter beds were completed in July after a great deal of negociation and for a considerable time worked well, but that was during the period when the Camp was only partly occupied, but since the Camp has been fully occupied the filter beds have not worked satisfactorily, and require more constant attention.

During the past Summer and Autumn, especially during the air raids, many people came to live in this District temporarily to get away from the disturbed areas, and as far as possible overcrowding was abated during that period, and the drains, etc., kept a special watch over.

This is the first year for many years that several new houses have not been erected in this District, the cause is partly due to the various Land Acts, but largely I think to the increased cost of building material, and the scarcity of labour and money having to be diverted into other channels: several have been completed during the year, commenced in the previous year.

More time than usual has had to be spent in overlooking the District, particularly open sewers, drains, etc., to obviate any spread of infectious disease as far as possible, which might very easily have been caused by the large numbers of troops that have been in, and surrounding the District.

In several parishes and particularly in the village portions of drains have been relaid, many cleaned out, and repairs generally carried out when required.

# DETAILS OF SANITARY WORK CARRIED OUT DURING 1915.

Dwellingshouses disinfected .....	16
„ found overcrowded .....	3
Number of Notices served (formal and informal)	64
„ complied with .....	63
Number of nuisances found and .....	
„ abated .....	77
Number of defective Privies & Ashpits remedied	6
New Ashpits made .....	2
Privies converted into pail closets .....	5
Ashpits covered .....	2
New W.C.'s .....	1
Number of defective house drains found .....	16
„ drains trapped and disconnected ...	16
„ new drains laid .....	15
„ drains relaid .....	5
„ „ ventilated .....	5

## WATER SUPPLIES—

Houses newly supplied from Water Mains ...	2
Well closed, water unsafe .....	1
Samples of water sent for analysis .....	1
Water Certificates granted for new houses ...	3

## SCHOOLS.

The Public Elementary Schools are in a sanitary condition, and the Water Supply is satisfactory. Every child suffering from any Infectious Disease and other children of the same family are excluded from school, until a Medical Certificate of recovery is furnished by the Medical Attendant.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. ELFORD BAILEY,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

North Bar Within,  
Beverley.